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Dear Mary,

I ought to be working on other things, two suits, in fact, but I cannot free my mind for it, so I'm just finished answering today's mail.

TV last night or this a.m. or both carried footage of the auction of the TSBD. There was nothing in the Wash Post. I went to town, but the NYTimes, and also nothing. I am interested in the successful andxx unsuccessful bidders, all there is about them, their addresses, etc, if your papers carried this. In fact, for the completeness of my file, I'd appreciate copies of the stories.

Now let me tell you something to go no further. I've felt I couldn't tell you earlier, but those I'd most want not to know now know at least part, probably all.

After a long, time effort, I've gotten Bud to be one of James Earl Ray's lawyers. Now will have to wait until we are again together. Stoner also has accepted him. Ray has read COUP II, likes at least part of it, wants permission to use parts in court, etc. Today Bud got a copy of the apparently inadequate and/or incompetent papers prepared for the next action, with but a few days left for filing, and I have to abstract from COUP what, aside from the evidentiary fact, which we will hold back, can be helpful.

Too bad we couldn't get to this point until it was thoroughly messed up by crooks and incompetents.

But (and me a Jew!) how's this for setting out to do the impossible and then doing it!

It took me almost six months to get the anti-Semite through when I was able to arrange it to stop telling me he once knew a good Jew (who got thrown out by the Jews because he enjoyed life, whatever that means!).

We'll do it yet, Mary, despite everything!

Keep the faith, baby!

Best regards,

Gary- it is now a record at the prison and in court that Bud is of counsel, and I have little doubt the authorities know what Ray has, so I felt I should tell Mary, who needs a little cheering up, with all her problems and troubles. But it still should not be talked about. Howard apparently read in a paper the CD identification (right on CD, wrong on pages) of what Skolnick used. Please clip and send everything. Until Bud asked me to do this, I had begun to draft a suit against Skolnick. I've had to lay that aside.